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To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 6, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6072 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to funding pollution abatement and response;"

This bill establishes funding for a tugboat to reduce the risk of major maritime accidents, to enhance emission control for school buses, and to reduce and monitor vehicle air emissions.

I support these important environmental responsibilities, and appreciate the work of the legislature to provide for these activities within existing funds. However, section 6 of this bill would inadvertently eliminate the fifty-dollar physical inspection fee required for some out-of-state vehicles prior to registration in Washington State. I am, therefore, vetoing section 6 of this bill in order to maintain the inspection fee, which provides \$2.5 million annual revenue for this important public safety program.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 6 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6072.

With the exception of section 6, of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6072 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Locke
Governor